



## Mr. James "Frankie" McClendon

February 1, 1943 - November 29, 2020

Mr. James "Frankie" McClendon age 77 of Albertville, passed away Sunday, November 29, 2020, at Shepherds Cove Hospice. A funeral service will be held Thursday, December 03, 2020, at 1:00 pm at Christ United Methodist Church in Albertville, the family will receive friends from 12:00 pm till the time of service, burial will follow at Memory Hill Cemetery. He is survived by his wife; Diane McClendon, daughter Carrie McClendon, sons; David Wright (Stephanie), Josh McClendon, sister; Cecilia Morrison, brother; Randy McClendon (Geneva), grandchildren; Mark, Paisley, Mianna, Payton, Skyleigh, Tommy, Zya, Everleigh. He was preceded in death by his parents; Lemuel & Nell McClendon, sister-in-law; Sheila Stevens, brother-in-law; Rodney Morrison, niece; Ashleigh Watwood, parents-in-law; Frank & Nita Stevens.

Frankie was inducted into the Charter Class of the Marshall County Sports Hall of Fame. Frankie was a special player very early on as an eighth-grader. At Marshall County High School, he played varsity football five years and lettered five years. McClendon earned M.C.H.S. letters in baseball (four years), basketball (two years), and wrestling (one year). At the University of Alabama, McClendon was a three-year letterman including a starter on the 1964 National Championship football team. Frankie played in two Orange Bowls, one Sugar Bowl, and the 1965 Senior Bowl. His professional career included 1965 with the Minnesota Vikings and 1966 with the Atlanta Falcons. What about the 1964 Bama-LSU game with over 70,000 people, the largest

number ever to see a football game in Alabama, packed in Birmingham's Legion Field to watch a battle down to the wire? It was close all the way, but the Tide stove off two late LSU drives to clinch the game. Alabama's defense held as Frankie McClendon batted down three Bengal passes, and the game ended 17-9. With the victory, the Crimson Tide clinched the SEC title.

February 15, 1965, was officially proclaimed "Frankie McClendon Day" in the City of Guntersville. McClendon came home accompanied by his head coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, along with several members of the Tide squad. The Gadsden Times selected Frankie on its "Players of the Century" list

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Hill Cemetery

5975 US Highway 431  
Albertville, AL 35950

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 3. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Christ United Methodist Church  
1405 Darden Ave  
Albertville, AL 35951

## Service

DEC 3. 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

PW

“ As an underclassman at MCHS I looked up to Frankie and so enjoyed following his football career. Some years later it was interesting to see him at Trade Day as we both traded sports cards. I remember a day when a young boy got a Frankie McClendon card and was delighted to know that he was close by and could get an autograph! Coach Raymond Weaver certainly appreciated Frankie. Family and friends are in my heart and prayers.

*Peggy Weaver*

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**Peggy Weaver** - December 02, 2020 at 01:38 PM

HB

*I was so blessed to have him as a mentor in my life. This man believed in me when no one else did. He will never be forgotten and oh what a game heaven received.. I'll see him again one day my sweet friend*

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**honey baker** - December 03, 2020 at 12:18 PM

DF

“ So sorry for your loss. I remember meeting Frankie with Cecilia and Rodney. He was a special person who never met a stranger.

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**Dianne Rodgers Farrior** - December 02, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. James "Frankie" McClendon.*



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December 01, 2020 at 04:49 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Praying for you all!*

*Jennifer & Jim Palmer*

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**Jennifer Palmer** - December 01, 2020 at 02:25 PM